

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BEIGELMAN, FEINER & FELDMAN, P.C.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

EVGENI PETROSYAN,

Defendant.  
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AMON, Chief United States District Judge:

APR 13 2011  
**NOT FOR PUBLICATION**  
**MEMORANDUM & ORDER**  
10-CV-3471 (CBA) (JO)

The Court has received Evgeni Petrosyan's letter dated March 22, 2011, which the Court construes as an objection to Magistrate Judge James Orenstein's orders—entered on the record at the March 8, 2011 status conference—that Petrosyan (1) reimburse Beigelman, Feiner & Feldman, P.C. for the cost of providing an interpreter at the March 8 conference and also provide his own interpreter at all future conferences; and (2) appear in person or through counsel at all future conferences, including a July 13, 2011 status conference.

Review of a Magistrate Judge's non-dispositive rulings is deferential, and a ruling will be set aside only if it is clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a). The party challenging a Magistrate Judge's decision "carries a heavy burden." Catskill Dev., L.L.C. v. Park Place Entm't Corp., 206 F.R.D. 78, 86 (S.D.N.Y. 2002).

The rulings about paying for the services of an interpreter are not clearly erroneous or contrary to law. The Court rejects Petrosyan's argument that the rulings are unfair, especially as Petrosyan is prosecuting a counterclaim.

Petrosyan also has not identified an adequate reason to upset the ruling that he must attend all future conferences in person or through counsel.


Status conferences and discovery proceedings requiring Petrosyan's presence should be

kept to a minimum and planned sufficiently in advance so as to avoid any undue hardship on Petrosyan.

The Magistrate Judge's rulings are affirmed.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
April 12, 2011

s/CBA  
  
Carol Bagley Amon  
United States District Judge

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